(c) to (e) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Schemes for the religious and linguistic minorities in the country

2025. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of religious and linguistic minorities in the country, Statre-wise and religious and linguistic minority-wise;

(b) the schemes and programmes implemented for the poor and weaker sections of the religious and linguistic minorities in the country, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of loans provided by the National Minorities Development Finance Corporation to the religious and linguistic minorities during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh, year-wise and district-wise; and

(d) whether any complaints have been received from Andhra Pradesh regarding non-sanctioning of loans to poor minorities by NMDFC and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) The Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notifed as minority communities under section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Linguistic minorities have not been defined in the Constitution or by any statute. They get defined when their mother tongue differs from the regional language of the area. They are identified by the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations on the basis of the Census data.

The details of religious minorities are available in the "Census of India 2001- "The First Report on Religion Data" published by Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India. The details of linguistic minorities, State-wise, are given in Chapter III of the 40th Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities already tabled in the House on 16.08.2004. This is also available at the website.

(b) The Prime Minister's New 15 point programme for the Welfare of Minorities seeks to enhance educational opportunities, ensure equitable

share in economic activities and employment, improve the condition of living of minorities, and ensure communal harmoney. All the notified minority communities are covered by the programme and it is to be implemented in all States and UTs including Andhra Pradesh. Besides, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) gives concessional credit under Term loan scheme, Educational loan scheme and Micro Finance scheme. Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) also runs a number of educational schemes.

(c) This information is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) Andhra Pradesh State Miniorities Finance Corporation (APSMFC) has reported litigation by Rayalseema all Communities Development Welfare Society for not sanctioning loan to some beneficiaries. The Court has given interim direction in the matter.

Statement

Loan disbursed in Andhra Pradesh by NMDFC through SCAs

(Rs. lacs)

Sl. No.	District Name	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Adilabad	27.30	21.66	28.08
2	Anantapur	31.35	27.99	33.03
3	Chittoor	34.95	20.66	19.52
4	Cuddapah	41.10	28.27	34.92
5	East Godavari	12.30	9.70	12.00
6	Guntur	90.90	59.59	64.23
7	Hyderabad	8.40	145.32	199.15
8	Karimnagar	21.45	18.34	42.44
9	Khammam	15.15	8.41	15.15
10	Krishna	45.60	30.45	17.90
11	Kurnool	60.30	46.71	175.88
12	Mahaboobnagar	15.00	21.94	50.65
13	Medak	23.55	38.95	97.83
14	Nalgonda	21.75	14.49	15.25
15	Nellore	21.75	17.52	21.19
16	Nizamabad	31.20	25.69	29.21
17	Prakasam	22.50	15.53	22.19

Sl. No.	District Name	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
18	Rangareddy	33.60	35.15	31.13
19	Srikakulam	1.20	1.33	1.73
20	Visakhapatnam	10.05	7.54	7.29
21	Vizianagaram	2.70	1.88	1.54
22	Warangal	17.70	16.22	30.47
23	West Godavari	20.55	11.20	14.73
	TOTAL:	610.35	624.54	965.51

Loans disbursed in Andhra Pradesh by NMDFC through the NGOs

(in Rupees)

Districts	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Ananthapur	503750	450000	
Chittoor		765000	1350000
Guntur	1884375	2048000	
Hyderabad	180000	1125000	1530000
Khammam	503750	450000	
Krishna	900000		315000
Kurnool	984375	1755000	180000
Machilipatnam	450000		180000
Nandyal		53750	
Prakasam	1580000	900000	1575000
R.R. Dist.	503750	450000	720000
TOTAL:	7490000	7996750	6850000

National Commission for Minorities

2026. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities is running without the Deputy Chairman for the last four months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and